

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1209

By Bunch

A RESOLUTION to commend Nadean Cunningham for her outstanding service to her community and to the good people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Nadean Cunningham is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cunningham is a graduate of McMinn County High School and Tennessee Wesleyan College and is a certified public administrator, designated by the University of Tennessee Center for government training; and

WHEREAS, she has been a distinguished public servant for more than forty-seven years, having served with acumen and alacrity in the Circuit Court Clerk's office and the McMinn County School Administration Office and is presently serving her fourth term as McMinn County Register of Deeds; and

WHEREAS, an avid and essential supporter of the Republican Party at the local, state, and national levels, Ms. Cunningham has earned the respect and admiration of her fellow citizens for her unwavering determination to improving her community; and

WHEREAS, Nadean Cunningham began her illustrious service to the Grand Old Party as a volunteer in local and statewide races when she was still in high school and since then has served as president, secretary, and treasurer of the McMinn County Women's Republican Club and has volunteered on behalf of a Republican statewide or federal candidate in every election since 1946; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cunningham has also rendered sterling service as a local precinct officer for more than twenty-five years and spent four years as treasurer and seventeen years as secretary of the McMinn County Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Nadean Cunningham was honored with the 2003 Statesman Award by the Tennessee Republican Party, the party's highest award for volunteer leadership and service; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cunningham's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the traditional values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cunningham exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; she is the proud mother of three, the devoted grandmother of seven, and the doting great-grandmother of two; and

WHEREAS, Nadean Cunningham is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and applaud Nadean Cunningham for her many years of outstanding service to her community and to the good people of Tennessee, salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and extend to her our deepest wishes for her every continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.